

Evening Summary

Date/Time Stamp: Friday, July 17, 2015 - 6:34 PM

US Liaison Report from Canada:

Alberta - Steve Burns, IARR

Chin Complex – Alberta IMT coach assigned to assist with Ontario team. Main fire HWF-217 approximately 70, 000 HA, HWF-219 35,000 HA unstaffed. Moderate rain over 60% of fire area, mop-up continues on north perimeter.

USA resources assigned: Truckee Hotshots, TNF, Johnny Villa TFLD, ENF

Birch Complex – Last shift for Alberta Team as the New Zealand Team has arrived and in-briefed at High level WMA. Local IMT members are assisting and shadow during transition.

- > Jay Enns and James Harris flew to recon the unstaffed 229 fire to assess mop up needs and resource access. Mop-up continues and is going well on Fire 249.
- ➤ <u>USA resources assigned:</u> KNF Regulars (FSR), Lucas Minton DIVS,(LNF)Will Harris DIVS (ENF)Ronaldo Salazar DIVS (SQF), Jay Enns DIVS (LPF), James Harris DIVS (LPF)

SWF 163 – Slave Lake WMA – Alberta Type 1 team in place, High humidity and rain showers aided in suppression. Crews continue mop-up where safe, snags and access are hazards being mitigated.

USA resources assigned: Alpine Hotshots, Mike Frederick DIVS (SRF)

<u>Saskatchewan – Paul Gibbs, IARR</u>

La Ronge Complex A Type 1 Team (Terris) assumed command of the fires today. Some residents have returned into communities north of La Ronge. There are 1,500 personnel assigned to the complex. This includes 550 Military personnel. Over 10,000 residents are still evacuated. Rain is predicted for the next two days.

- The fire continues to threaten the community of La Ronge. Horseshoe Meadow IHC is using Mark III pumps and 1 ½" hose to build fireline near cabins and provide point protection.
- USA resources assigned: Horseshoe IHC and 6 US overhead (5 USFS) from MT, SD and UT

Mallory, Clay, Mack and Senyk Fires – The Mallory fire is threatening several communities and the Highway 155 corridor. Some residents are evacuated and point protection is being implemented. Approximately 180 Canadian Military personnel are assigned to these fires. Rain is predicted for the next two days.

- Springville IHC is assigned to extinguishing hot spots that are spotted from the aerial resources.
- USA resources assigned: Springville IHC and 6 US overhead (5 USFS and 1 from BLM) from AZ, CA, MI and WY.

Philon, Montreal Lake Fire and Lower Fish Lakes - Most of the US overhead are assigned to the Philon Fire. There are 3 assigned to fires in the Lower Fishing Lakes. Rain is predicted for the next two days. The USA firefighter's makeup the majority of the operational overhead on the Philon Fire. They are assigning crews to extinguish hot areas near cabins



<u>USA resources assigned</u>: 11 US Overhead (8 from USFS and 3 from USF&W) from AZ, MS, NV, CO, UT, VT and WI.

Bob and Bear Complex- The complex is being managed by a Type 1 Team. The fires in this complex are very remote. Air tankers and helicopters are make drops on to protect cabins and villages. Rain is predicted for the next two days.

USA resource assigned: 1 Overhead –BLM

131 US Resources committed to Canada. All resources morale is great and no injuries to report.

US Compact Mobilization Update:

Wisconsin State - Resources getting quite a bit of fire activity in Thompson, MB area. They have been doing both initial attack and sustained operations on fires that range from 20 acres up to about 15,000 acres. The WIS contingent of 27 folks will return Friday, July 17th. WIS currently in the process of trying to find additional resources to fill a re-staff request from Manitoba, which would leave on Friday for another 14 day assignment. Also lining up available WIS resources for an August assignment should the need arise.

Michigan State - Michigan is filling a Great Lakes Compact request for a 12 person crew heading to Manitoba Friday

Minnesota State – Mobilizing a 28 person crew on Friday to Manitoba. Canada will break down MNS crew into 4 - 7 person modules.

For additional info

http://www.ciffc.ca/firewire/current.php

Weather Summary

Showers and thunderstorms will continue in much of the same areas as Thursday from the Sierra and western Nevada moving northeast across parts of northern/central NV, northern UT, southern ID and WY. Temperatures are expected to drop 5-8 degrees below normal and bring more precipitation to the northern 1/2 of the Great Basin. This will help to pull up moisture into the AZ Strip, and far southern NV/southwest UT for a return of showers/thunderstorms.

The low will move east by Sunday with drier air moving into ID and far northern NV and showers/thunderstorms continuing across the rest of the region on Sunday, with the highest coverage of thunderstorms across NV/UT/AZ Strip as dissipating Hurricane Dolores approaches the southern CA coast plenty of tropical moisture will be pushed into the Great Basin.



Preparedness Levels

Current:

| Great Basin | 2 |
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| National | 2 |

Fire Activity Summary

Great Basin Fire Activity: Minimal

New Fires and Acres: 10 fires for 122 acres

Current Incident Details

Todays Activity (from WFDSS):

| Incident Name | Unique Fire Identifier | Size | Status | Latitude | Longitude | POO Sage Grouse Habitat |
|---------------|------------------------|------|---------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| OTA 18 | 2015-IDBOD-000688 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 43.1429 | 116.0723 | No |
| OTA 15 | 2015-IDBOD-000685 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 43.2699 | 116.189 | No |
| OTA 13 | 2015-IDBOD-000683 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 43.2718 | 116.0768 | No |
| OTA 11 | 2015-IDBOD-000681 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 43.2592 | 116.0782 | No |
| OTA 10 | 2015-IDBOD-000680 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 43.2489 | 116.1462 | No |
| MM 3 | 2015-UTNWS-000404 | 0.2 | Not Contained | 40.361 | 112.3295 | Yes - PPH |
| Fuse | 2015-UTRID-005143 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 39.0805 | 114.0428 | No |
| ASPHALT | 2015-UTVLD-000114 | 10 | Not Contained | 39.8581 | 109.2091 | No |
| UPPER SLIDE | 2015-WYGTP-150007 | 0.1 | Not Contained | 43.5775 | 110.32333 | No |
| Paradise Road | 2015-UTNWS-000401 | 0.1 | Controlled 07/17/15 | 41.0212 | 111.7923 | No |

Great Basin Fire Potential Summary

Large fire potential will continue to remain LOW through most of next week due to recent wet weather, and upcoming additional wet weather from monsoon moisture/Hurricane Dolores. Light to occasional moderate Initial Attack is expected through next week.

Drier air and stronger winds may increase fire potential to LOW-MODERATE in some small areas of southern/eastern/central NV and UT today as winds peak with low RH in areas where fuels are critical.

For more detail, see Great Basin 7-Day Fire Potential Outlook

Resources:

Remain adequate

Currently have 502 overhead resources assigned out of area to seven different geographical areas and two Canadian provinces.

Supported Rocky Mountain geographic area with aviation on initial attack of the Red Canyon fire 2 miles SSE of Glenwood Springs, CO

For additional information go to: Great Basin Coordination Center Web Site